



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 322

By Senator Gresham

and

Representative Dennis

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Hardin Medical Center upon receiving the HOSA Award.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly recognize those venerable institutions that, in their pursuit of excellence, have honored this State with their service to Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Hardin Medical Center is one such institution, and it is fitting that the center be honored for its efforts in guiding the education of Tennessee's youth; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Tennessee Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) presents a HOSA Award to an outstanding community partner that works with a local HOSA program and its health science students and advisors; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee HOSA looks for a partnership that lays the cornerstone in preparing students to enter post-secondary education programs or workforce readiness; they also look for employees that are willing to mentor students in clinical internships and job shadowing, as well as partnerships that provide learning opportunities for health science students; and

WHEREAS, Hardin Medical Center was selected as the 2011 recipient based on its involvement with the Hardin County HOSA; and

WHEREAS, the center has participated in multiple projects to help Hardin County High School's HOSA program, which is sponsored by Karen Long and Joni Jerrolds; and

WHEREAS, the medical center allows Ms. Long's clinical internship class to come to the hospital and observe in nearly all areas, and the center assigns mentors to help the students learn about their assigned area; and

WHEREAS, these mentors typically plan hands-on activities for the students when they arrive, often generously changing their daily routines to provide learning opportunities for the high school students; and

WHEREAS, the nursing home in the hospital allows the high school's Nurse Aide training program to come in and help take care of the residents; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services department helps check off and certify students in CPR and, in whole, the hospital donates several big items to Ms. Long and Ms. Jerrolds' classroom and supplies for them to use throughout the school year; and

WHEREAS, Hardin Medical Center encourages students of all ages to apply themselves not only in college and other post-secondary programs, but also in events to help them in their future; and

WHEREAS, the hospital sponsors HOSA students to attend state and national HOSA competitions, and scholarships are offered by the Hospital Auxiliary to high school seniors who are planning on pursuing a health career in the future; and

WHEREAS, recently, Hardin Medical Center included HOSA in the groundbreaking ceremony of the Daryl Worley Cancer Treatment Center, for which HOSA students collect snack foods throughout the year to give to patients receiving chemotherapy at the treatment center; and

WHEREAS, Hardin Medical Center's receipt of the HOSA Award is a testament to the dedication to medical and educational excellence exhibited by the board members, doctors, staff, and volunteers of the hospital; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body honor Hardin Medical Center for receiving this prestigious award; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Hardin Medical Center upon receiving the HOSA Award and applaud the hospital's excellence in serving as an educational leader to Tennessee's outstanding youth.

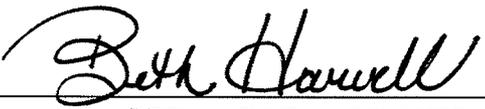
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 12, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR